

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are not being amended, but are provided below for the Examiner's convenience.

1-26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) A multi-beam scanning apparatus comprising:
a light source unit comprising a laser light source and a driving circuit board for driving said laser light source, said laser light source including a laser chip having a plurality of emission points for emitting laser beams and a terminal for energizing the laser chip, said driving circuit board being connected to the terminal of said laser light source and having a longitudinal edge;

scanning means for scanning a surface to be scanned with the laser beams emitted by said light source unit; and

a housing having a wall,

wherein said housing contains said scanning means and supports said light source unit on the wall, and

wherein the terminal of said laser light source is fixed to said driving circuit board such that a straight line passing the plurality of emission points of said laser light source is inclined with respect to the longitudinal edge of said driving circuit board.

28. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the longitudinal edge of said driving circuit board is arranged substantially in parallel with the longitudinal edge of the wall of said housing.

29. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein said driving circuit board has a substantially rectangular shape.

30. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein said light source unit further comprises a holder holding said laser light source.

31. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 30, wherein said holder has a reference surface and holds said laser light source such that a straight line inclined with respect to the reference surface passes the plurality of emission points.

32. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the plurality of emission points of said laser light source is arranged linearly.

33. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the plurality of emission points of said laser light source is arranged two-dimensionally.

34. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 30, wherein said light source unit further comprises a collimator lens for collimating the laser beams

emitted from said laser light source and a lens barrel holding said collimator lens, said lens barrel being integrated with said holder.

35. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein said laser light source is a multi-beam semiconductor laser.

36. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein said scanning means comprises a rotary polygon mirror for deflecting the laser beams emitted by said light source unit and an imaging lens for focusing the laser beams deflected by said rotary polygon mirror.

37. (Previously Presented) A multi-beam light source unit comprising:
a laser light source comprising a laser chip having a plurality of emission points for emitting laser beams and a terminal for energizing the laser chip; and
a driving circuit board for driving said laser light source, said driving circuit board having a longitudinal edge,
wherein the terminal of said laser light source is fixed to said driving circuit board such that a straight line passing the plurality of emission points of said laser light source is inclined with respect to the longitudinal edge of said driving circuit board.

38. (Previously Presented) A unit according to claim 37, wherein said driving circuit board has a substantially rectangular shape.

39. (Previously Presented) A unit according to claim 37, further comprising a holder holding said laser light source.

40. (Previously Presented) A unit according to claim 39, wherein said holder has a reference surface and holds said laser light source such that a straight line inclined with respect to the reference surface passes the plurality of emission points.

41. (Previously Presented) A unit according to claim 37, wherein the plurality of emission points of said laser light source is arranged linearly.

42. (Previously Presented) A unit according to claim 37, wherein the plurality of emission points of said laser light source is arranged two-dimensionally.

43. (Previously Presented) A unit according to claim 39, wherein said light source unit further comprises a collimator lens for collimating the laser beams emitted from said laser light source and a lens barrel holding said collimator lens, said lens barrel being integrated with said holder.

44. (Previously Presented) A unit according to claim 37, wherein said laser light source is a multi-beam semiconductor laser.

45-57. (Canceled)